

difficult for some people to understand but there are locations in this state where an accident can happen on the railroad and you don't walk down the block to a pay phone. There isn't any pay phone available to call somebody even if it was during the daytime to try to find out what the information that you need to have. Now we were told that we really didn't need this bill. We were told that the common carriers didn't need to be a part of it because the federal regulations require them to have on their weigh bills what it was that was being transported. Well, you can look for yourself, that weigh bill doesn't have it on it. You can look for yourself, you can see the number of instances in that second...or that fourth letter, fourth page that shows the number of instances when conductors or train crews did, in fact, transport materials that they had no idea what it was they were transporting. Now I want to be totally honest with all of you and I know nobody is listening and nobody cares anyhow, but I want this for a matter of the record, it is not my intention nor is it I think Senator Scofield's intention to put anything in Nebraska's statutes that is any more stringent than any of the federal regulations. It is not my intention to hinder traffic, to hinder interstate commerce in any way, shape or form. We couldn't if we wanted to. So for that reason, I am going to attempt, if we can get this bill amended so we can get the common carriers back in it, get the committee amendments adopted, I am going to ask to advance the bill to Select File and I will put a motion up there myself to bracket it until January of next year. I will bracket it until January of next year so that in the meantime we can do a couple of things. First of all, we can write to the Secretary of the Department of Labor and find out exactly what it is that they require. We can find out from the Department of Transportation exactly what is required and there is a court case going through the federal system as to whether or not this particular area has been preempted by the federal government. There still is some question about it. My concern is simply this. The federal government, obviously, if it is their requirement and if it is their law, they are not enforcing it. If they were enforcing it, you wouldn't see weigh bills looking like that. If they were enforcing it, we wouldn't have a railroad, and I say, "a railroad" because it is basically one system that is doing...that is putting out the weigh bills as I am showing to you. And I would remind you that one system travels through a lot of districts in this body and it travels through not only my district, it travels